

POSTPONEMENT OF IMMUNITY VOTE FOR
WILLIAM BULGER AND FRANCIS SALEMME
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM



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***Government Reform Committee to Vote on Conferring
Immunity on William Bulger and Francis Salemme***

Postponed to Wednesday, April 9

What: Committee Vote to Immunize William Bulger and Francis P. Salemme

When: Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Room 2154, Rayburn House Office Building

Background:

During the 107th Congress, the Committee conducted an investigation of the use of informants by the Department of Justice. The Committee held a number of hearings and conducted hundreds of interviews.

The next step of this Committee's investigation will be to receive testimony from William Bulger and Francis Salemme. The Committee would like to receive information pertaining to Mr. Bulger's interaction with federal law enforcement officials and his knowledge of law enforcement's efforts to apprehend his fugitive brother, James Bulger. The Committee would also like to receive additional information from Mr. Salemme regarding other matters related to the Committee's investigation.

To obtain the full cooperation of both witnesses, the Committee intends to confer immunity on them. When William Bulger appeared before the Committee on December 6, 2002, he asserted his rights under the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution. Although Francis Salemme previously has been interviewed by Committee staff, he has asked to receive immunity from the Committee before providing certain additional information.

The Department of Justice previously immunized both witnesses and does not object to the Committee's action.

The Committee has not established a date for receiving Mr. Bulger's or Mr. Salemme's testimony.

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